

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the first paragraph under the “Background of the Invention” on page 1 of the specification with the following amended paragraph:

The prior art fingerprint identification apparatus is used for authentication and security function. As shown in Fig. 1, the prior art fingerprint identification apparatus is generally composed of an area CCD (charge coupled device) sensor 10a, a light source 11a, a reflection mirror 12a, a lens 13a and a finger-tactility transparent plate 14 14a. When the light from the light source 11a is impinged to a finger touching the transparent plate 14 14a, the light reflected from the finger is focused by the lens 13a, reflected by the reflection mirror 12a and then detected by the area CCD sensor 10a.